

XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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-In order to facilitate easy flow of information between the two spheres of government, local and provincial, and also make reporting on provincial objectives, strategies and projects effective, a similar data structure is critical.

- In his state of the nation address, the President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki, at the Second sitting of the Third Democratic Parliament in Cape Town said,

“To improve integration among all spheres of government in both policy development and implementation, the Inter-Governmental Relations Bill has been finalised,... This will be complemented by the alignment of spatial and development strategies and planning cycles among all three spheres of government.”

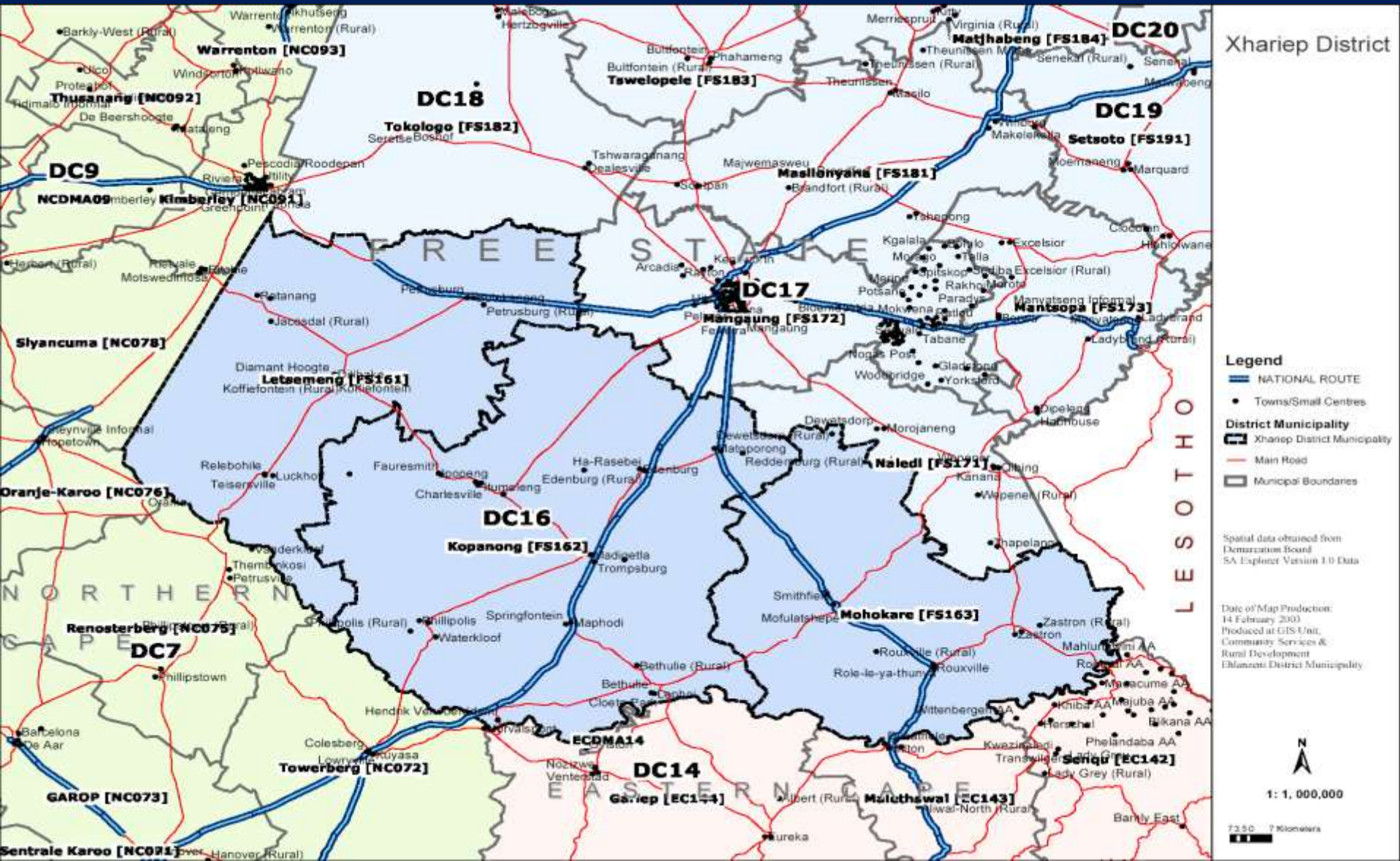
1. INTRODUCTION

- The structure of the presentation will be as was recommended in the last Alignment Summit meeting held on the 12th October 2005.
- Where exact figures are not mentioned, especially on projects, it is because the municipality is still awaiting information from some provincial departments.

1. *INTRODUCTION* (*cont...*)

- A brief background on the establishment of the municipality and its sustainability challenges will also be made.
 - It should be borne in mind that this is the only district municipality in the province that was newly established.
 - This presentation therefore provides an overview of the critical areas that the municipality seeks to address.

XHARIEP DISTRICT MAP



Local Municipalities

- **Kopanong**, with nine (9) towns and the biggest municipality in the district;
- **Mohokare**, with three (3) towns; and
- **Letsemeng**, with five (5) towns.



Profile of the XDM

- The municipality includes three local municipal areas, namely: **Kopanong**, **Mohokare** and **Letsemeng** which are made up of seventeen urban centres and surrounding rural areas of which **Trompsburg**, **Zastron** and **Koffiefontein**, form the main centres.

Establishment of XDM

- The Xhariep District Municipality's area of jurisdiction constitutes mostly the southern parts of the Free State Province and borders Lejweleputswa and Motheo District Municipalities to the north, Lesotho to the East, the Eastern Cape to the south and the Northern Cape to the West.

Population distribution

- The district has a fairly even population distribution with most people (41%) residing in Kopanong, whilst Letsemeng and Mohokare accommodate only 32% and 27% of the total population, respectively.

Establishment of the XDM *(cont...)*

- Xhariep's establishment was proclaimed in the Provincial Gazette, Notice No. 184, on **28 September 2000**.
- The area of jurisdiction is approximately **34 131,55 km²** in extent and accommodates approximately **135 000 people** (Census 2001). It has the lowest population density in the Free State.

CHALLENGES

- As a municipality that functions on a cash basis because of a very low income base, there is a need for more resource inflow from the Provincial departments.
- This will assist the municipality in its major economic related endeavours that will also have major spin-offs in various forms for the communities.

LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

Area	Total Population	Percentage of District Population
Kopanong	55 942	41.37
Letsemeng	42 979	31.78%
Mohokare	36 316	26.85%
Total	135 237	100.00%

ECONOMIC PROFILE:
% population that is economically inactive
per local municipality

Local Municipality	Percentage	Population Number	Total
FS 161: Letsemeng	72.19	22209	30765
FS 162: Kopanong	72.07	29572	41031
FS 163: Mohokare	71.59	18800	26261

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

% population that has no annual income

Local Municipality	Percentage	Household Number	Total
FS 161: Letsemeng	15.46	1868	12084
FS 162: Kopanong	23.29	4101	17611
FS 163: Mohokare	18.78	1792	9540

% of households that live in poverty (no income and income from R1-R19 200) ranked from highest need

Local Municipality	Percentage	Poverty	Total
FS 162: Kopanong	80.86	14240	17611
FS 161: Letsemeng	75.08	9073	12084
FS 163: Mohokare	83.77	7992	9540

PGDS vs XDM's IDP

The XDM IDP document attempts to simplify the alignment requirements by adopting the provincial cluster approach.

Economic challenges facing the XDM

- **One of economic challenges facing the municipality is that of attracting investors into the region.**
- **With the low population figures presently, the municipality has embarked on a vigorous strategy of ensuring that the government supports service delivery.**

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER

1. Municipal financial viability
2. Organisational capacity building –
Organogram
3. Financial reporting and budgeting
4. Municipal Equity Plan

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER

5. Workplace skills plan

6. Performance Management System

7. Integrated Development Planning

8. By-Laws and policies

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

1. Economic growth
2. Job creation and employment
3. LED implementing agent
4. SMME support

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

5. Tourism development

6. Integrated Environmental Management
Planning

7. Transportation

8. Land Reform

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont....)

Justice and Crime Prevention cluster

1. Disaster Management
2. Crime
3. Public safety
4. Promotion of human rights

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

Social and Human Development

1. Water

2. Sanitation

3. Electricity

4. Roads and Storm water

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

Social and Human Development

5. Telecommunication

6. Waste / Refuse removal

7. Health (HIV /Aids)

Priorities of the municipality per priority area of the FSGDS (cont...)

Social and Human Development

9. Education and Skills

10. Housing

11. Cemeteries

12. Sports and recreation

13. Youth Development

National Spatial Development Perspective

- Xhariep region is depicted as being a 'low capacity area' in the NSDP.
- The question is, 'What can be done to ensure that the 'low population' region of Xhariep benefits from national and provincial initiatives'?
- Gariep dam will have positive economic spin-offs that exceed R275 million, and still has to be untapped through partnerships and investments.

Provincial Spatial Development Framework

❖ The framework is quiet on the Lake Gariep initiative yet it has been identified as a major economic development zone, and this is reflected in many other sources in the Free State.

❖ The sources that are used by the PSDF on Xhariep's SDF are those of 2003/4, and this and other projects that will affect the spatial representation of the region will have to be addressed when the document is reviewed.

CLUSTER ESTABLISHMENT AT DISTRICT LEVEL

CLUSTER ESTABLISHMENT

- The XDM has established clusters according to the **FSGDS** and meetings/ workshops will be held to facilitate implementation, alignment, monitoring of impact of the IDP, etc.

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

The XDM has identified the following projects that will have a regional impact, e.g.

■ Lake Gariep Environmental Development Zone, with an estimated income exceeding R275 million;

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

■ **Jagersfontein Water supply scheme**, which requires an estimated R145 million for installation of a pipe line to supply water for rehabilitation of the mine, an irrigation scheme, and for the town and surrounding areas.

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

■ **The Horizon Route project**, which spreads from Colesburg to Koffiefontein, with a lot of Local Economic Development and Tourism potential, from **watching wild life** to seeing the **big hole**,



Economic development and Employment creation cluster


and the winery in Jacobsdal, which produces some of the finest wine in South Africa.



Economic development and Employment creation cluster

Department of Agriculture:

 **Two CASP projects** will be implemented in the district and they are:

 **Xhariep Value Adding Project** in Jacobsdal, Trompsburg and Rouxville. The budget is R900 000. The number of beneficiaries is estimated at 200.

 **Oppermans Irrigation Project:** The budget is R6 000 000. It is estimated that the project will benefit 20 people.

 The two projects are scheduled to start on the 01 November 2005.

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

■ **Department of Tourism, Environmental
and Economic Affairs:**

■ **Tussen die Riviere Nature Reserve – The
project is implemented through the poverty
alleviation fund and it entails the repair and
upgrading of offices and houses. R50 000
is budgeted for this project. The project will
create 10 job opportunities.**

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

■ **Department of Tourism, Environmental
and Economic Affairs:**

■ **Gariep Dam Nature Reserve** – The project includes the construction of the entrance gate, office complex, stores and abattoir. The total project **budget is R12 260 00**. It is estimated that the project will create **50 job opportunities and 1 learnership**.

Economic development and Employment creation cluster

- **Tarring/ paving** of the road between **Trompsburg and Jagersfontein (45 km)**.
- **Upgrading of the road** between **Springfontein and Bethulie (40 km)**.
- **Construction** of a **district hospital** in **Trompsburg**.

Social and Human Development Cluster

- An **Arts and Culture Centre project** with a budget of **R8 million** will kickstart in **Trompsburg** before the end of **this financial year**.
- A **MPCC** has been built in **Madikgetla location, Trompsburg** and the project is in the final stages.

Social and Human Development Cluster

- A **Community library project** with a budget of **R20 million** will kickstart in **Madikgetla location**, **Trompsburg** before the end of **this financial year** – **Department of Sports, Arts and Culture**.
- A **MPCC** has been built in **Madikgetla location**, **Trompsburg** and the project is in its final stages.

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ An **Arts and Culture Centre project** will be built in **Gariep Dam** and construction is expected to commence before the end of the **current financial year**.

Social and Human Development Cluster

Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport:

 **Community Based Public Works Programme – Petrusburg** Renovation of Community Hall (R1 million);

 **Bethulie** – Renovation of Community Hall (R800 000);

 **Smithfield** – Renovation of Community Hall (226 000);

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport

■ Edenburg – Renovation of Community Hall (500 000);

■ Rouxville – Renovation of Community Hall (370 000);

■ Jacobsdal – Renovation of Community Hall (300 000);

Social and Human Development Cluster

Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport:


- Smithfield – New Creche (R1 100 000);
- Jacobsdal – Access road (R 1 300 000).

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Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport:

Oppermansgronde Skool Street Project:-

 Implemented by the Community Based Public Works Project

 A total of 8 023 person-days of employment was created of which 3 806 was female. A total of 30 people were employed of which 12 were female.

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport:

■ Oppermansgronde Access Road – Construction of Road S647 and S1381 between Koffiefontein and Oppermansgronde. The road is 37 km long. The project was completed in June for an amount of R33 million.

Social and Human Development Cluster

- **Department of Health: One clinic will be built in this district and it will be in Jacobsdal**
- **Department of Education: Renovation of Smithfield Relebohile Intermediate (R250 000).**

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ **Conversion of Disabled Learners
School at**

■ **Zastron Zama Primary (R500 000);**

■ **Rouxville JB Tyu Primary (R500
000).**

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ **Training and skills development:**

■ **EPWP beneficiaries will receive life skills training (HIV/AIDS, Budgeting, etc.).**

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ Department of Sports, Arts, Culture, Science and Technology:

■ Springfontein – Maphodi New Library (R3 000 000) and this will create 65 job opportunities.

■ Jacobsdal – Ratanang New Library (R3 000 000) and this will create 65 job opportunities.

Social and Human Development Cluster

MIG Projects:-

LETSEMENG MUNICIPALITY (2005/6 financial year):

Jacobsdal-

 Ratanang: Upgrading of water Purification Plant (2.5 million);

 Ratanang: Sports Complex (R1.6 million);

 Ratanang: Water Reticulation (1.6 million).

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ MIG Projects:-




LETSEMENG MUNICIPALITY (2005/6/7 financial year):

- Petrusburg – Sports Complex (2. 235 905 million, awaiting approval from DPLG);
- Luckhof: Upgrading of Water Purification Plant (R2. 9 million).

Social and Human Development Cluster

MIG Projects:-

KOPANONG MUNICIPALITY (2005/6 financial year):

-  **Bethulie- VIP toilets (R1.6 million);**
-  **Jagersfontein – Sewer system (R4 929 824 million), under construction, 85% complete;**
-  **Trompsburg – Sewer Treatment Plant (R6 million), under construction, phase 3;**

Social and Human Development Cluster

MIG Projects:-

**KOPANONG MUNICIPALITY (2005/6
financial year):**

-  **Trompsburg (Madikgetla Location):
Water and Sanitation (2.3 million), under
construction.**

Social and Human Development Cluster

MIG Projects:-

MOHOKARE MUNICIPALITY (2005/6 financial year):

Rouxville-

 Waste Treatment Plant (9.063 million), under construction, 96% complete;

 Sports Complex (R1.6 million);

Zastron –

 Water and Sanitation (R4 million), waiting for approval from DPLG-2005/2006/2007.

Social and Human Development Cluster

MIG Projects:-

**MOHOKARE MUNICIPALITY (2005/6
financial year):**

-  **Smithfield: Water Reticulation (1. 245
million, waiting for approval from
DPLG- 2005/2006/2007).**

Social and Human Development Cluster

■ MIG Projects:-

KOPANONG MUNICIPALITY (2005/6 financial year):

- Bethulie : Upgrading of Access Road (R1. 5 million) awaiting approval from DPLG;
- Reddersburg: Upgrading of Access Road (R1. 5 million) awaiting approval from DPLG.

In closing

- It is envisaged that alignment will be given the attention it deserves by all those who should be involved, so that government departments fund and support municipalities on those projects that have been identified in the IDPs.
- Another important fact is the availability of information to municipalities, on time, on projects to be implemented.

THANK you.